(d) what are the reasons that strike is continuing ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strike commenced on 18-1-1990.

(c) and (d) The demands include reinstatement with full bark wages to all workmen and employees whose servires have been terminated, fixation of pay scales for different categories of workmen, payment of house rent and night allowances, bonus, leave travel concession, advance for marriage, festivals and purchase of household goods, welfare and service allowance, payment of overtime at double the normal rate, adoption of a scheme for reimbursement of the expenses incirred on education . of children of the workman, formulation of a proper policy for filling up the vagancies and also to promote those alrredy employed according to their eligibility.

According to information furnished by the Delhi Administration, in the case, having failed in efforts for conciliation, the matter now stands referred for adjudication.

Coconut plantation affected by Root Wilt Disease

1138. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the root wilt disease, affected coconut plantation in the Southern States particularly in Kerala, as on date ;

(b)what steps have been taken by Government to control this diseases; and-

(c)if it is not possible to control this disease, what measures have been taken to prevent the spread of root wilt disease* ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) Root wilt disease has affected contiguous areas of 4-1 lakh ha. covering eight southern districts of Kerala as well as the adjoining districts of Kanyakumari and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu.

(b) No effective remedial measures have . been . evolved so. far to control the disease.

(c) The Coconut Development Board has undertaken several programmes to prevent the spread of disease which include removal of root wilt affected palms by giving financial assistance to coconut growers. So far about 3 lakh diseased palms in Kerala and 12,000 palms in Tamil Nadu have been removed. Integrated farming in ccconui small holdings in Kerala for productivity improvement covering 10,000 ha. has are been taken up. Since the diseased palms respond well to better management practices like fertilizer application, irrigation, control of leaf-root etc., recommendations on these have been formulated and advocated for general adoption. Sanitation and quarantine measures have also been advocated to prevent the spread of the disease.

Maintenance of parks in Hari Nagar, Delhi

1139. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to *Unstarred Question No. 2253 given in Rajya Sabha on 30th March, 1990and:

(a) the number of parks, both big and small, including the green belt and the number of supervisors and malis posted to maintain these parks ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the tubewell meant for watering the parks is out of order for quite a long time and the underground pipe leading to 'CD' and 'BC' parks cannot be used as the water flows out on the roads ;

(c) if so, what action has been taken/ is proposed to be taken to repair the tubewell and to replace the underground rotten pipes ; and

(d) by when the lighting, grills, swings etc. are likely to be rectified/replaced ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) DDA has furnished the following information :

Total number of parks, both big and small, including green belt is 23 ;

No. of Supervisors . . 1

No. of Malis . . 9;

(b) Yes, Sir. The tubewell is out of order and has been abandoned. No leakage on road ss reported.

(c) Action has been taken: to replace the old tubewell by a new tubewell.